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NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS

MOBILE RIVER, ALABAMA

A sunken wood barge, below the water line, is located in the vicinity of mile 4, Mobile River, near the right descending bank. Coordinates are 30-45-.226N, 88-02-.166W, state plane N 274,568.69, E 1,800,102.39.

R. F. HENRY LOCK, ALABAMA RIVER, ALABAMA

Current drought conditions are causing interruptions to navigation at R. F. Henry Lock due to the low tailwater elevation which is preventing adequate water depths to provide sufficient navigation at the lower lock approach. The lower miter gates cannot be opened when water levels in the lock chamber are higher than the tailwater elevation outside the chamber. This condition is relieved at times by an increase in tailwater elevation from hydropower generation which is on a very limited schedule of a few hours each day due to limited water availability.

Mariners should call R. F. Henry Lock at 334-872-9525 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm to check conditions in advance of any planned lockage. Mariners that plan to lock through Henry are cautioned that a return lockage may not be possible.

Also, shoals in the vicinity of Henry Lock and Dam at Upper Brothers bar, mile 225, Benton at mile 235, and at Henry lower approach present shallow water hazards. Shallow water is also present at the Millers Ferry lower approach, miles 122, 107, and at numerous locations downstream of Claiborne Lock and Dam.

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